

# SEEKING COLLECTIVE RESPONSES TO HISTORIC CHALLENGES



**HU24EU**

HUNGARIAN PRESIDENCY

OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU 2024

# TRIO PRESIDENCY

- ✓ 20 years of membership
- ✓ rotating Presidency for the second time
- ✓ in a year of institutional transition









**PROGRAMME OF THE  
HUNGARIAN PRESIDENCY  
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
EUROPEAN UNION IN THE  
SECOND HALF OF 2024**

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**MAKE EUROPE GREAT AGAIN**



*„Hungary takes over the Presidency of the Council of the European Union at a time of extraordinary circumstances and challenges.“*



# New European Competitiveness Deal

Addressing Demographic Challenges



The Reinforcement of European Defence Policy



Farmer-Oriented EU Agricultural Policy



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Consistent and Merit-Based Enlargement Policy



Shaping the Future of Cohesion Policy



Stemming Illegal Migration





## COMPETITIVENESS

### Budapest Declaration on the New European Competitiveness Deal

- ✓ 5 years, 12 key areas of action
- ✓ Concrete measures, mandatory competitiveness test
- ✓ Research & Development spending 3%





## CONSISTENT AND MERIT-BASED ENLARGEMENT POLICY

Intergovernmental Conference with Albania

Progress with Montenegro and Serbia

EU-Western Balkans Summit (18 December 2024)



## ENLARGEMENT OF THE SCHENGEN AREA

Lifting land border controls with Bulgaria and Romania as of 1 January 2025





## SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENCY

Council Conclusions on the future of a farmer-oriented Common  
Agricultural Policy post-2027

Council Declaration on fostering Jewish life and combating antisemitism

EU budget 2025





## SUCCESSFUL PRESIDENCY

The first ever Council meeting on demographic issues

The first ever Council meeting chaired in sign language

Draft regulation on the European Defence Industry Programme





## HU24EU IN #

- ✓ Consultations with 300 stakeholders
- ✓ 180 Presidency events in Hungary with 20.000 participants, 140 events in Brussels
- ✓ 10 major cultural events in Brussels
- ✓ 39 formal and 14 informal council meetings
- ✓ 17+18 dossiers





# Informal European Council

## European Political Community Summit

- ✓ 42 European heads of state and government
- ✓ Presidents of the European Council, the European Commission and the European Parliament
- ✓ Secretary Generals of NATO, Council of Europe
- ✓ Representative of the OSCE



Hungarian Presidency  
of the Council of the  
European Union





# EU PRESIDENCY EVENTS ORGANIZED BY THE EMBASSY OF HUNGARY IN BRUSSELS

- ✓ 9 EU HoMs programs in Belgium
- ✓ 7 EU HoMs programs in Luxembourg
- ✓ Cultural events
- ✓ Public talks
- ✓ Military diplomacy programs
- ✓ Professional side events







## EU HEADS OF MISSION: PRIME MINISTERS





# EU HEADS OF MISSION: MINISTERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS







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## EU HEADS OF MISSION: JOURNALISTS







## IN FOCUS: COMPETITIVENESS







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## IN FOCUS: SECURITY







## CULTURAL EVENTS

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## CULTURAL EVENTS







## HANDOVER OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU IN BELGIUM



## HANDOVER OF THE PRESIDENCY OF THE COUNCIL OF THE EU IN LUXEMBOURG



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